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ABSTRACT

The Alabama Public Library Service is charged with improving library services throughout the state to ensure that all citizens have access to quality library and information services. Part of this charge includes the responsibility for receiving and administering federal funds to the more than 200 public libraries in Alabama. Federal Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) monies are spent on statewide projects at the Alabama Public Library Service. These projects include providing reference services, interlibrary loans, audiovisual materials, continuing education programs, and consultant services to the public libraries. Other major statewide projects funded through LSCA include the coordination of a statewide children's summer library program, the collection and interpretation of statistics, and the provision of a professional training program to promote quality public library service through the development of professional librarians. LSCA monies also provide library services to the institutionalized mentally ill and mentally retarded and to inmates at adult correctional facilities. This report describes the use of LSCA funds awarded for 1996 library programs and services in Alabama's seven congressional districts. A map illustrates the congressional districts in Alabama. Projects are listed by congressional district, and include library, project name, and amount of grant. (SWC)

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This project was made possible in part by Library Services and Construction Act funds.

Library Services and Construction Act

The Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) P.L. 101-254, assists the state of Alabama in the extension and improvement of public library services to areas and populations of the state which are without such services or to which such services are inadequate.

It is the further pupose of this Act to assist with:

1) public library construction and renovation;

2) improving state and local public library services for older Americans and for handicapped, institutionalized and other disadvantaged individuals;

3) strengthening the state library administrative agency;

4) promoting interlibrary cooperation and resource sharing among all types of libraries;

5) strengthening major urban resource libraries; and

6) increasing the capacity of libraries to keep up with rapidly changing information technology.

The Library Services and Construction Act is a state-administered grant and in Alabama, the administration rests with the Alabama Public Library Service.

The LSCA falls within the definition of a categorical grant and it is permissive legislation in that it does not define the specific actions that must be taken in order to fulfill this mandate.

Alabama Public Library Service

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Part of this charge includes the responsibility for receiving and administering federal funds to the more than 200 public libraries in Alabama.

Federal Library Services and Construction Act monies are spent on statewide projects at the Alabama Public Library Service. These projects include providing reference services, interlibrary loans, audiovisual materials, continuing education programs and consultant services to the public libraries.

Other major statewide projects funded through LSCA include the coordination of a statewide children's summer library program. In 1996, more than 48,000 children participated in the program. The agency also collects and interprets statistics and provides a professional training program to promote quality public library service through the development of professional librarians.

LSCA monies also provide library services to the institutionalized mentally ill and mentally retarded and to inmates at adult correctional facilities in Alabama.

At APLS, the Alabama Union List of Serials, ALICAT and other technology and equipment are funded by LSCA dollars.

The following pages describe the use of these federal funds awarded for 1996 library programs and services in Alabama's seven congressional districts. **When public library service areas are included in two congressional districts, they are listed in each district and noted by an asterisk.**

Statewide Projects

LIBRARY	PROJECT NAME	TITLE	AMOUNT
Alabama Public Library Service	Continuing Education for Public Librarians	I	$15,000
Alabama Public Library Service	Professional Training Grants - Full Time	I	$6,000
Alabama Public Library Service	Professional Training Grants - Part Time	I	$10,000
Department of Corrections	Alabama Prison System's Library Services	I	$20,620
Alabama Public Library Service	Net-lending to Public Libraries	I	$10,000
Alabama Public Library Service	Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	I	$25,000
Alabama Public Library Service	Strengthening the State Agency	I	$51,221
Mental Health/Mental Retardation	Services to Persons Instit. for Mental Disabilities	I	$42,148
Alabama Dept. of Youth Services	Mt. Meigs Campus - Read By Choice	I	$11,982
Alabama Public Library Service	Summer Reading Program	I	$18,000
Alabama Public Library Service	Expanding Access to Information	III	$5,691
Alabama Public Library Service	Alabama Interlibrary Catalog (ALICAT)	III	$119,790
Alabama Public Library Service	Alabama Union List of Serials (AULS)	III	$13,043
Alabama Public Library Service	Net-Lending to University Libraries	III	$50,000
Alabama Institute for Deaf & Blind	Adaptive Technology Equipment	I	$11,450

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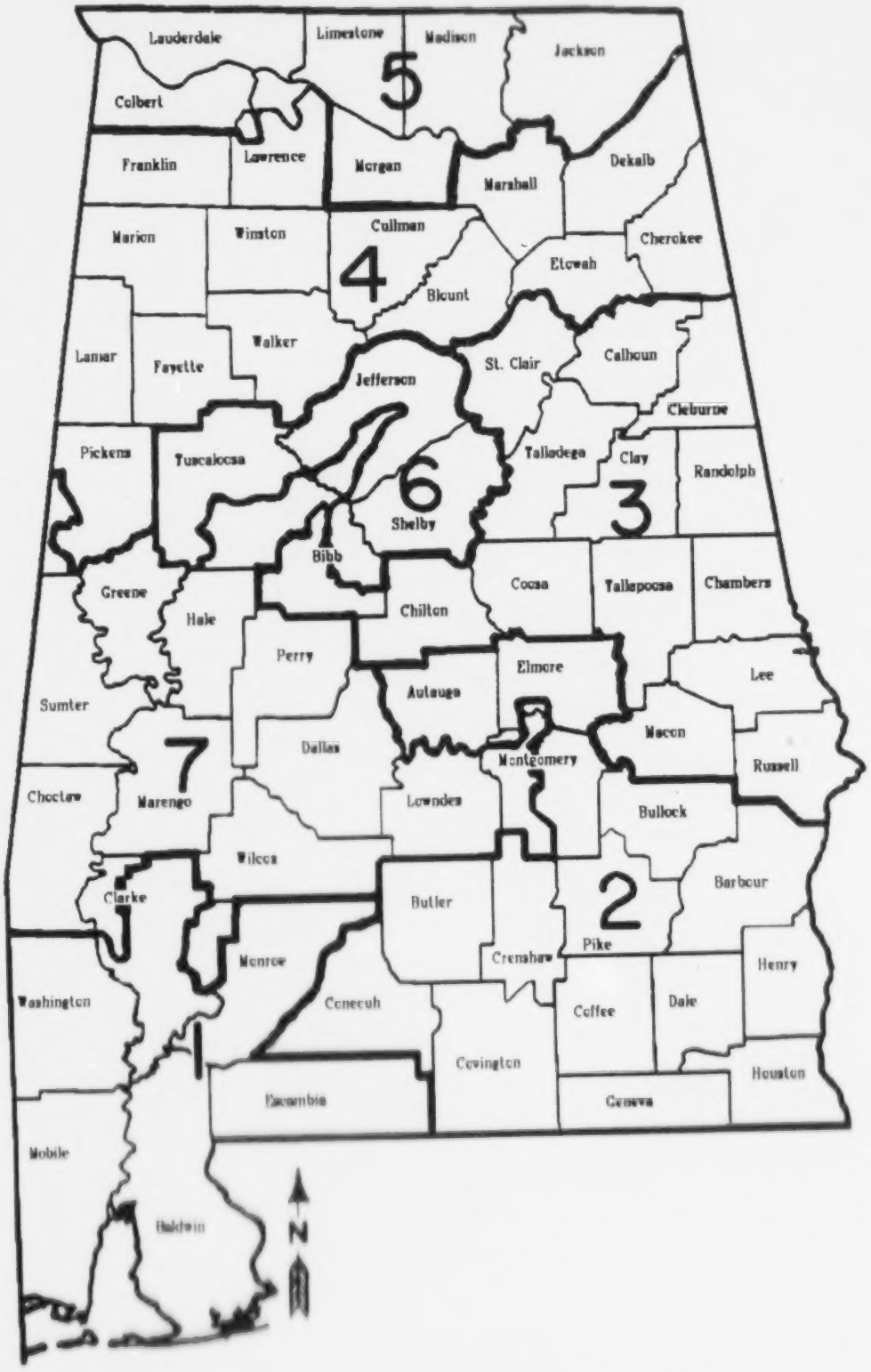
Congressional Districts



District One

HERBERT LEON CALLAHAN

District One includes the counties of Baldwin, Clarke (portion), Escambia, Mobile, Monroe and Washington.

LSCA-funded programs in District One include a $10,000 grant to **Baldwin County Library Cooperative** to upgrade and update the reference collection, particularly in the areas of business, Alabama resources and professional resources.

Also in District One, the **Daphne Public Library** received an $8,000 grant to update the Dewey 700's, specifically materials on architecture, painting, sculpture and interior decoration.

District One Projects

LIBRARY	PROJECT NAME	TITLE	AMOUNT
Foley Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Brewton Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Flomaton Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Atmore Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Hampton D. Ewing Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Fairhope Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Loxley Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Baldwin County Library Cooperative	Public Access at Main Office	1	$5,136
Baldwin County Library Cooperative	Reference Collection Development	1	$10,000
Robertsdale Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$1,543
Oscar Johnson Memorial Library	Small Library Development	1	$1,000
Mobile Public Library	MURL	1	$25,000
Orange Beach Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Daphne Public Library	Art Collection Development	1	$8,000

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District Two

TERRY EVERETT

District Two includes the counties of Autauga, Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Coffee, Conecuh, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Elmore, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Montgomery (portion) and Pike.

District Two LSCA grants include an $80,131 grant to **Houston-Love Memorial Library** to automate its circulation system. The in-house, fully integrated system will give patrons and staff greater access to information.

Also in District Two, **Greenville-Butler County Public Library** received a $10,000 grant to update and expand adult and juvenile collections in the areas of pure science and social science.

District Two Projects

LIBRARY	PROJECT NAME	TITLE	AMOUNT
Abbeville Memorial Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
* Montgomery City-County Pub. Library	MURL	1	$25,000
Millbrook Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Greenville-Butler Co. Pub. Library	Adult and Junior Non-fiction	1	$10,000
Town and County Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Tupper Lightfoot Memorial Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Enterprise Public Library	Collection Dev: Business and Economics Update	1	$2,000
Florala Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$2,400
Andalusia Public Library	Genealogy Enhancement	1	$3,153
Hartford Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Houston-Love Memorial Library	Collection Development	1	$10,000
Enterprise Public Library	Byte Me	1	$4,998
Elba Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Houston-Love Memorial Library	Automated Circulation System	1	$80,131
Emma Knox Kenan Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000

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District Three

BOB RILEY

District Three includes the counties of Bibb (portion), Calhoun, Chambers, Chilton, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Macon, Randolph, Russell, St. Clair, Talladega and Tallapoosa.

Projects funded in this district include a $10,000 grant to **B.B. Comer Memorial Library** for collection development in the areas of social sciences, geography and history.

Also in District Three, the **Anniston-Calhoun County Public Library** received a $10,000 grant for collection development in the areas of juvenile fiction for the pre-school to fourth-grade age group.

District Three Projects

LIBRARY	PROJECT NAME	TITLE	AMOUNT
Pell City Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Lincoln Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
St. Clair County Library	Online Circulation System (2nd year of 2)	1	$3,659
Ragland Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
B. B. Comer Memorial Library	Collection Dev: Social Sciences, Geography & Hist.	1	$10,000
B. B. Comer Memorial Library	CD-Rom Based Information	1	$5,000
Auburn Public Library	Collection Development—The Arts	1	$10,000
Earle A. Rainwater Memorial Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Annie L. Awbrey Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Anniston-Calhoun County Public Lib.	Collection Dev: Juvenile Fiction	1	$10,000
Ashland City Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Lineville Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Springville Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000

District Four

Robert Aderholt

District Four includes the counties of Blount, Cherokee, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Lamar, Lawrence (portion), Marion, Marshall, Pickens (portion), Walker and Winston.

In District Four, **Library Management Network** received a $41,000 Title III grant for Expanding Access to Info with Z39.50. This statewide pilot project for the development of interconnectivity among diverse library automation systems will promote resource sharing.

Another District Four LSCA project was a $193,500 grant to **Sulligent Public Library** for construction of a new 3,194-square-foot library. The current building has 1,200 square feet and has limited seating and shelving.

District Four Projects

LIBRARY	PROJECT NAME	TITLE	AMOUNT
Blountsville Public Library	Search and Check	1	$4,875
Blountsville Public Library	Information Please	1	$4,837
Blountsville Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Ider Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Reform Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
MCHS Community Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Cullman County Pub Library System	Main Library A/M/R Collection Development	1	$10,000
Collinsville Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$2,000
Rainsville Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Guntersville Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Arab Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Geraldine Public Library	Tech Enhancement Equipment Grant	1	$3,700
Geraldine Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Rufus Floyd Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
* Gordo Public Library	CD-Rom Based Information Services	1	$1,200
* Gordo Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$1,200
* Aliceville Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
* Carrollton Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Sulligent Public Library	Construction	2	$193,500
* Library Management Network, Inc.	Expanding Access to Info with Z39.50	3	$41,000
Gadsden-Etowah Co. Public Library	Collection Dev: 900's	1	$10,000

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District Five

ROBERT E. CRAMER

District Five includes the counties of Colbert, Jackson, Lauderdale, Lawrence (portion), Limestone, Madison and Morgan.

District Five LSCA grants include a $10,000 grant to **Huntsville-Madison County Public Library**. The library will use the grant to improve library outreach programs to the community by providing service to agencies which aid disadvantaged mothers.

Also in District Five, **Wheeler Basin Regional Library** received a $19,189 grant to provide equipment, installation and training to enable patrons in Lawrence, Limestone and Morgan counties to use the on-line public access catalog (OPAC) available through the Library Management Network.

District Five Projects

LIBRARY	PROJECT NAME	TITLE	AMOUNT
Woodville Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Huntsville-Madison Co. Pub. Library	Library Services to the At-Risk-Youth of NW Huntsville (2nd)	1	$5,000
Huntsville-Madison Co. Pub. Library	MURL	1	$25,000
Helen Keller Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$2,017
Huntsville-Madison Co. Pub. Library	Outreach Services/Disadvantaged Mothers & Children	1	$10,000
Huntsville-Madison Co. Pub. Library	Library Materials on Using Computers: Basics to Internet	1	$10,000
Huntsville-Madison Co. Pub. Library	Library Services to Triana (3rd year)	1	$2,500
Scottsboro Public Library	Spectrum Jr. Reader for Low Vision Readers	1	$2,250
Wheeler Basin Regional Library	OPAC: Putting the Public Online	1	$19,189
Cherokee Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Florence-Lauderdale Public Library	Collection Dev: Science and Health	1	$10,000
Florence-Lauderdale Public Library	Tech Enhancement: SIRS	1	$2,888
Killen Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Sheffield Public Library	Collection Development	1	$10,000
*Library Management Network, Inc.	Expanding Access to Info with Z39.50/North Ala.	3	$41,000

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District Six

SPENCER BACHUS

District Six includes the counties of Bibb (portion), Jefferson (portion), Shelby and Tuscaloosa (portion).

LSCA projects in District Six include a $25,000 MURL grant to **Birmingham Public Library** to maintain the library collection at APLS standards and to upgrade the collection where needed.

LSCA monies in the amount of $14,750 were awarded to **Harrison Regional Library** to join the library with the Shelby County School of Technology to join together in a cooperative effort to provide library access to students, faculty and support staff.

District Six Projects

LIBRARY	PROJECT NAME	TITLE	AMOUNT
Calera Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Gardendale Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Helena Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Harrison Regional Library System	Spreading the News	1	$6,031
Harrison Regional Library System	Towers of Information	1	$4,875
Columbiana Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Parnell Memorial Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
North Shelby County Library	Collection Development	1	$10,000
Harrison Regional Library System	Reference Collection Enhancement	1	$10,000
Tarrant Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
Pelham Public Library	Collection Development	1	$10,000
* Tuscaloosa Public Library	TPL Collection Development Project	1	$10,000
* Birmingham Public Library	MURL	1	$25,000
Harrison Regional Library System	Extending Resources for Success	3	$14,750
* Tuscaloosa Public Library	Access Tuscaloosa (2nd Year of 2)	3	$20,300

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District Seven

EARL HILLIARD

District Seven includes the counties of Choctaw, Clarke (portion), Dallas, Greene, Hale, Jefferson (portion), Lowndes, Marengo, Montgomery (portion), Perry, Pickens (portion), Sumter, Tuscaloosa (portion) and Wilcox.

LSCA grants in District Seven include a $10,000 grant to **Tuscaloosa Public Library** to purchase materials for the juvenile Dewey 900s, the adult large print collection, and to help adult readers who are just learning to read and those whose reading skills are in need of improvement.

Also in District Seven, the **Selma-Dallas County Public Library** received a $10,000 grant to purchase new fiction for its collection.

District Seven Projects

LIBRARY	PROJECT NAME	TITLE	AMOUNT
Akron Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$1,000
Selma-Dallas County Public Library	Collection Dev: Fiction	1	$10,000
Wilcox County Library	Reading Aid for Teachers (RAFT)	1	$10,000
• Montgomery City-County Pub. Lib.	MURL	1	$25,000
Ruby Pickens Tartt Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$1,200
Marion-Perry County Library	Collection Development	1	$3,000
• Gordo Public Library	CD-Rom Based Information Services	1	$1,200
• Gordo Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$1,200
• Aliceville Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
• Carrollton Public Library	Small Library Development	1	$3,000
• Tuscaloosa Public Library	TPL Collection Development Project	1	$10,000
• Birmingham Public Library	MURL	1	$25,000
• Tuscaloosa Public Library	Access Tuscaloosa (2nd Year of 2)	3	$20,300

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